

CLAIMS

I claim:

- 1 1. A lighted vehicle step bar, comprising:
2 a tongue adapted for attachment to a receiver hitch mounted
3 on a vehicle;
4 a bar extending perpendicularly from said tongue and
5 forming a step, said bar being fixed to said tongue, the bar
6 having a rear-facing wall;
7 a left signal lamp and a right signal lamp disposed at a
8 left side and right side, respectively, of the rear-facing wall
9 of said bar, said left signal lamp and said right signal lamp
10 facing rearwardly of said bar; and
11 wiring connecting said left signal lamp and said right
12 signal lamp to a standard trailer plug, said trailer plug being
13 adapted for electrically connecting said left signal lamp and
14 said right signal lamp to a respective one of a left and right
15 turn signal lamp circuit of the vehicle.

- 1 2. The step bar of claim 1 wherein said trailer plug is
2 adapted for electrically connecting said left signal lamp and
3 said right signal lamp to a brake light circuit of the vehicle.

1 3. The step bar of claim 1, further comprising a non-slip
2 surface disposed on a top surface of said bar.

1 4. The step bar of claim 3, wherein said non-slip surface
2 is adhesively attached to said bar.

1 5. The step bar of claim 3, wherein said non-slip surface
2 comprises diamond plate.

1 6. The step bar of claim 1, wherein said bar has a left
2 end and a right end, the left end and the right end extending
3 outwardly and rearwardly of said step bar from the ends of said
4 bar.

1 7. The step bar of claim 6, wherein the left end and the
2 right end extend at about a 45° angle from said bar.

1 8. The step bar of claim 1, further including at least
2 one running lamp disposed between said left signal lamp and said
3 right signal lamp, said at least one running lamp being
4 electrically connected to said trailer plug.

1 9. The step bar of claim 1, wherein said tongue has a
2 plurality of through holes defined therein adapted for enabling
3 a plurality of positions within said hitch receiver.

1 10. The step bar of claim 1, wherein said bar is formed by
2 2x4 inch rectangular steel tubing.

1 11. The step bar of claim 1, wherein said bar is formed by
2 2x3 inch rectangular steel tubing.